

Clarence V. Burch House
CH-611
Waldorf vic.
Private

Circa 1924

The Clarence V. Burch House which now stands unoccupied and suffers from neglect, is a typical example of a very common Charles County house form during the first quarter of the twentieth century, the center gable I-house. Two stories high and one room deep, this dwelling also includes the frequently found one story hipped roof porch on the facade and a kitchen dependency extending from the rear to create an L-plan. Although several additions have extended the rear elevations, the essential form remains intact with minimal loss of original materials.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No.

CH-611

1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic Clarence V. Burch House

other

2. Location

street and number 12580 Ned's Place not for publication

city, town Waldorf x vicinity

county Charles

3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Joseph Burch, et al

street and number P.O. Box 548 telephone Unknown

city, town Waldorf state MD zip code 20604-0548

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County tax map and parcel: 16-1-112

city, town LaPlata liber 1051 folio 425

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category

- ☐ district
☒ building(s)
☐ structure
☐ site
☐ object

Ownership

- ☐ public
☒ private
☐ both

Current Function

- ☒ agriculture
☐ commerce/trade
☐ defense
☐ domestic
☐ education
☐ funerary
☐ government
☐ health care
☐ industry
☐ landscape
☐ recreation/culture
☐ religion
☐ social
☐ transportation
☐ work in progress
☐ unknown
☐ vacant/not in use
☐ other: _____

Resource Count

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		buildings
		sites
2	2	structures
		objects
3	2	Total

Number of Contributing Resources
previously listed in the Inventory

0

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Clarence V. Burch House, built circa 1925 is located on a 42 acre farm off of Poplar Hill Road in the northern part of Charles County near Waldorf. The principal dwelling and associated outbuildings are clustered in an area of approximately four acres. The dwelling consists of a late 19th century I-house with a center gable and a two story kitchen wing joined by several later additions. Outbuildings include a tobacco barn, corncrib and two sheds. The site is approached by a dirt driveway that circles the dwelling and then converges to form a single-lane drive to the outbuildings located behind the house.

The Clarence V. Burch House is a two story, three bay frame structure currently clad in asbestos shingles. The steeply pitched roof is currently covered in asphalt shingles. A one story, hipped roof porch addition extends the 3/4 length of the façade. The main section of the structure is single pile. Only the second story windows were visible at the time of the survey which consists of 6/6 lights wood sash double-hung windows. A fan-shaped lunette window is found in the center gable.

The eastern elevation shows evidence of several building periods. A possibly original kitchen wing is visible at the northern end of the rear elevation creating a common L-plan. A later two story shed addition was extended from the southern elevation to meet the existing gable wall. At least three later additions are also visible on the southern elevation including a two story extension of the kitchen wing to join the original south wall, and two later one story shed additions.

Currently the Richard A. Burch House is unoccupied and suffers from neglect. Although the dwelling has undergone several later additions a good deal of the original character remains intact. The façade and northern elevation which are first visible when approaching the dwelling, retain a large portion of their historic appearance.

OUTBUILDINGS

The outbuildings located on the site included two contributing structures consisting of a tobacco barn and corncrib. The tobacco barn is clad with vertical boards and includes a shed addition on the southern elevation. The roof ridge runs on a east/west axis.

The corncrib is located to the southwest of the barn. It is clad with vertical slats and spaced to allow air circulation throughout. The roof ridge runs on a north/south axis. Both structures show signs of deterioration and loss of original materials.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates	Circa 1925	Architect	unknown
Construction dates	Circa 1925	Builder	Unknown

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

The Clarence V. Burch House is a good example of the continuing popularity of the center gable I-house in vernacular building traditions throughout the region. This particular form was an extremely popular building plan associated with farm families throughout Charles County from the third quarter of the nineteenth century until the second quarter of the twentieth century. Common characteristics include a single pile, two-story, three bay composition, centered gable, and a one story full length porch. Open fields and several outbuildings including a tobacco barn and corncrib located behind the house, contribute to the site's overall significance by providing an appropriate, authentic setting for this rural resource.

The dwelling and property have been in the Burch family for over one hundred years. In 1881 James M. Burch sold to Richard A. Burch approximately 42 acres of land. Richard, in turn, sold the same to Clarence Vernon Burch in 1924, who likely built the current dwelling shortly after the purchase. Joseph Louis Burch inherited the property which later passed to his heirs. In 1995 it was sold to Charles County Sand & Gravel.

Although deteriorated, the Burch House retains a great deal of its original historic character. The façade remains intact and no significant development has disturbed the immediate surrounding landscape.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 41.743
Acreage of historical setting 4
Quadrangle name Hughesville Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property at 12580 Ned's Place is and has been historically associated with Charles County Property Map 16, Grid 1, Parcel 112.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Cathy Currey/Historic Site Surveyor		
organization	Charles County Planning Department	date	9/4/2000
street and number	200 Baltimore Street	telephone	301-396-581
city or town	LaPlata	state MD	zipcode 20646

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Crownsville MD 21032
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county and state

Chain of title:

September 15, 1881	James M. Burch to Richard A. Burch. No acreage mentioned. B.G.A. 5 Folio 325
March 28, 1924	Richard A. Burch, single to Clarence Vernon Burch. Buildings and improvements. No acreage mentioned. W.M.A. 42 Folio 8
January 29, 1985	Russell A. Burch and Joseph Louis Burch for Haddie Burch (mother), widow of Clarence Vernon Burch to above. See Orphans Court No. 6580. Liber 1048 Folio 95
February 19, 1985	Joseph Louis Burch to Joseph Louis Burch and Christine H. Burch. Improvements assessed 08-011095. Liber 1051 Folio 425

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Brown, Jack D., et al. *Charles County, Maryland, A History*.
Charles County Bicentennial Committee, 1976.

Charles County Land Records, Charles County Courthouse, LaPlata, Maryland.

Klapthor, Margaret Brown. *The History of Charles County, Maryland*.
LaPlata, MD: Charles County Tercentenary, Inc., 1958.

RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

Date: 11/18/99

North arrow:



Name: CLARENCE V. BURCH HOUSE

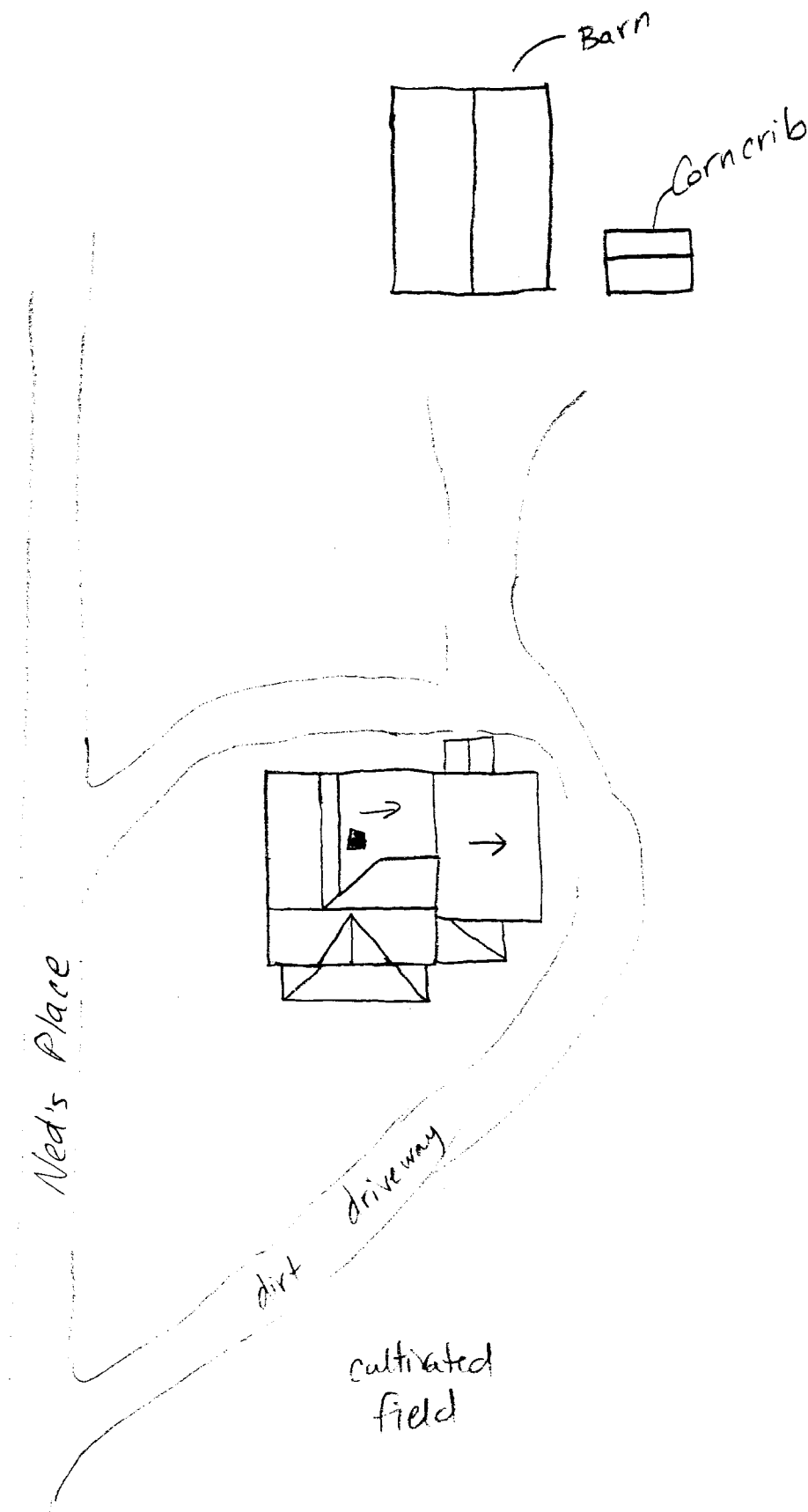
Address: Ned's Place

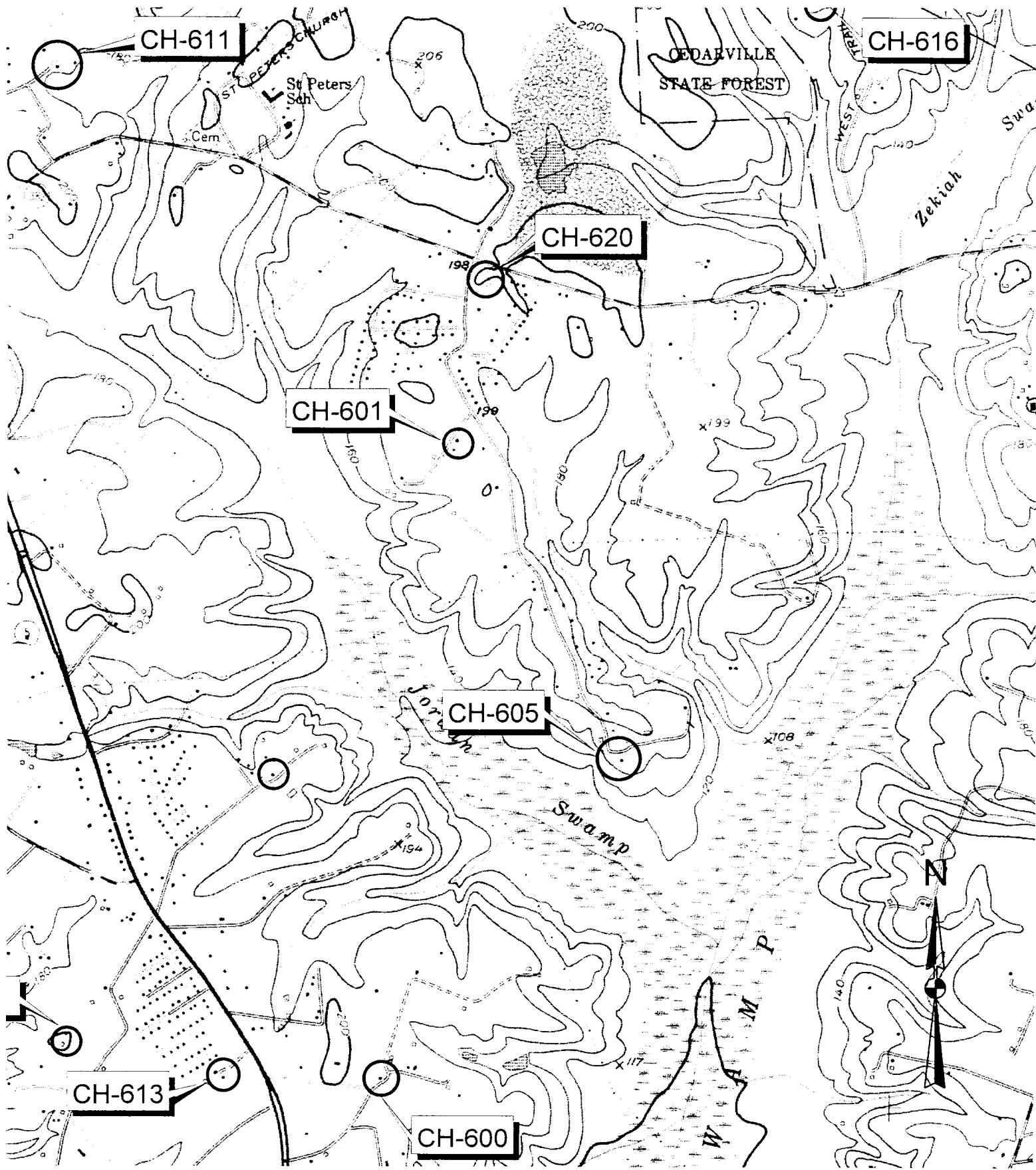
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Charles County, Maryland

Waldorf

☒ Vicinity





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CHARLES COUNTY, MD

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LOOKING NORTH+WEST

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MARYLAND SHPO

BARN + CORNCRIB, LOOKING EAST

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